

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, USN (Ret.)
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Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Admiral Murphy: 

I am enclosing a copy of the National HUMINT Collection Plan on International Narcotics for your personal review. Additional copies have been sent to the Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics Matters, Department of State, for appropriate distribution to key narcotics Missions. I am also attaching a copy of the letter I have sent to the Under Secretary of State, Lawrence S. Eagleburger, with regard to the Plan's operational implementation.

As you can see, I am particularly concerned that the many Mission elements involved with narcotics collection operate with the highest degree of cooperation and coordination. As matters now stand, this situation varies from Mission to Mission. I am committed to ensuring that the collection of information on intelligence narcotics activities receives the highest priority attention and that all necessary measures are taken to strengthen the degree of coordination and participation of NFIP and non-NFIP elements in the country-team narcotics effort.

I believe the National HUMINT Collection Plan on International Narcotics represents the most easily understood set of intelligence objectives relating to the narcotics collection effort. The Plan was developed under the auspices of the National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics and with the active participation and concurrence of the appropriate agencies and departments of the intelligence and foreign affairs communities.

I believe there is no need to go into the varied parochial and institutional problems which give rise to uncoordinated activities at individual Missions, except to note emphatically that it weakens our overall narcotics effort. My letter to Secretary Eagleburger was prepared with this issue in mind. I have also taken the initiative to instruct our Chiefs of Station to ensure that strategic narcotics intelligence of national security concern is disseminated to headquarters on a timely and coordinated basis.


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As you are aware, the Critical Intelligence Problems Committee of the Intelligence Community Staff has been working on an assessment of overall intelligence support for the narcotics effort. The search for effective ways to implement the National HUMINT Collection Plan on International Narcotics in the field has been high on the list of priorities and my letter to Secretary Eagleburger reflects the consensus of the 17 some elements of the Intelligence and Law Enforcement Communities which have been reviewing the overall narcotics question.

Sincerely,

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John W. McMahon
Acting Director

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